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3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

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the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



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6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.2

as suggested by the applicant.



because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



because this figure better characterizes the invention.



None of the figures.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

Line 1 after "apparatus" insert "(1)".

Line 2 after "mask" insert "(20)".

Line 3 after "module" insert "(10)".

Line 3 after "unit" insert "(2)".

Line 5 after "mask" insert "(20)". Line 6 after "apparatus" insert "(1)". Line 7 after "apparatus" insert "(1)". Line 8 after "module" insert "(10)". Line 15 after "module" insert "(10)". Line 15 after "unit" insert "(2)". Line 17 after "mask" insert "(20)".

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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